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The Latest Effusion.

The following is the text and dream of President McKinley's message to Congress as the Post Dispatch sees it. In it you will find nothing fresh, not a new thought, nor a suggestion which is worth a rap:

In his message to Congress today President McKinley does not outline his policy for the future government of the nation's new possessions.

This step is deferred until peace negotiations shall have been concluded at Paris and the treaty of peace placed before the Senate for ratification.

The only glimpse of the destiny the territory taken from Spain afforded in the message is the assertion that the United States is bound to assist the Cubans to establish a stable government for that island.

As to Hawaii Congress is informed that the Cullom commission will report to that body a plan of government for the islands which has the approval of the President.

The President recommends that the regular army be increased to 100,000 men, and indorses the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy that new warships be built and that arm of the service be substantially increased.

Secretary Long's recommendation that the rank of Admiral and Vice-Admiral be revived is indorsed, but the names of those upon whom the honor is to fall are not mentioned.

Much of the message is devoted to a review of the events of the war with Spain and the causes which led to it. Full credit is given Dewey for his achievement at Manila, which is referred to as an event "destined to mark a memorable event in maritime warfare."

On the Nicaraguan Canal the President says that the interests of this nation demand that it shall be controlled by the United States.

Early financial legislation is recommended on the lines suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury, the important feature of which is that the United States notes when once redeemed by payment of gold, shall be placed in circulation again only on payment of gold for them.

A State Historical Society.

The State Historical Society has been established under the leadership of the Press of Missouri with the following object:

"The collection, preservation, exhibition and publication of materials for the study of history, especially of this State and the Middle West; to this end, exploring the archaeology of said region, acquiring documents and manuscripts, obtaining narratives and records of pioneers, conducting a library of historical reference, maintaining a gallery of historical portraiture and an ethnological and historical museum, publishing and otherwise diffusing information relative to the history of the region, and general encouraging and developing within this State the study of history." The headquarters of this Society are at the State University at Columbia. All persons joining the Society by Jan. 1st, 1899, will be enrolled

as charter members. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the State Historical Society, Columbia, Mo.

Voice of the Press.

The tender of \$20,000,000 is regarded as an act of genuine liberality on the part of the United States which is in a position to enforce its demands.—Chicago Times-Herald. (Rep.)

For what is the United States to pay \$20,000,000 to Spain? For Dewey's victory at Manila?—N. Y. Press (Rep.)

As Spain does not possess nor control the Philippine Islands, she can not give us possession. What is she asked to concede? Her title, she has none. Why offer to pay \$20,000,000 for a worthless title.—N. Y. World. (Dem.)

A surprising act of generosity, offering to pay Spain \$20,000,000. Providence (R. I.) Journal (Ind.)

The actual assets which Spain will turn over to the United States for these \$20,000,000, consist in an archipelago over which Spain herself is only nominally sovereign.—Boston Post (Ind. Dem.)

If the Philippines comprise the only asset of value we get out of the war, why should we buy them of Spain?—Cleveland (O.) Plain Dealer. (Dem.)

The above is just what the Democrat has been teaching, so the little country paper is not so far behind the Metropolitan Daily after all.

Hannibal Bimetallic Union.

This Union was organized just after the defeat of W. J. Bryan in 1896. Its object is to work for the interests of the masses and it is exerting a powerful influence. The Union meets twice each month and has never missed a meeting. Knowing that plutocracy never sleeps but is ever on the alert to draw the chains of slavery around the people more closely, the members of the Hannibal Bimetallic Union realize the importance of the people being up and working for the cause of humanity, so last Thursday evening the Union had a special occasion. Invitations to attend a little "b" banquet had been sent out and a goodly number from other localities were present to eat sandwiches, drink coffee, smoke cigars, listen to the flow of reason and become more enthusiastic workers for Bimetalism and the rights of the masses. About forty persons had been assigned subjects for speeches. Hon. J. H. Whitecotton, Monroe's able candidate for speaker of the House, had been assigned for a subject, the "Fifty Cent Dollar" and he handled it well. "Monroe's Majority" was the subject assigned Hon. J. C. Piersol. This is a subject dear to all Monroe County Democrats and a better man than Senator Piersol could not be found to talk about it. Col. Frank McAllister responded to the toast "Our Entertainers" and he made a good speech. "The Most Important Plank in the Chicago Platform" was the theme of Gov. Stone and he talked on this for an hour and a half. The speech was an able one and was enjoyed by all present. Gov. Stone stated emphatically that he is not a candidate for any office. All in all the little "b" banquet was a pleasant and instructive one and good to the masses should come out of it.

Geo. Balzer was transacting business in Quincy yesterday.

HUNTINGTON.

Had for the night light.

P. H. Hancock is on the sick roll. Mrs. L. J. Nolen is out after a severe cold.

James Hays, of Center, spent Sunday with A. J. Nolen and family.

Mrs. W. H. Boardman and son, Master William, spent several days last week with Monroe City friends.

Red chickens, one village blacksmith, sold his corn mill last week to Monroe County parties.

John Smith, not of Indian, but of cowwalk fame, is bailing hay near Spaulding.

A. M. Owen, who is running a saw mill near the Cross Roads, spent Sunday with homefolk.

T. E. Whitecotton treated a number of his old friends to an old-fashioned opusson roast, last Sunday. The boys say the possum was "very very" fine and as a kitchen mechanic, Cop can't be beat.

Don't fail to attend the mite at the home of Mrs. Sue Glascock on next Tuesday evening. Proceeds to be used for church purposes. An interesting program is being arranged and your mite will be appreciated.

The Dancing Club met and made arrangements to give a ball on the 25th inst.

Our school under the management of Miss Mattie Glascock is making arrangements for a Christmas entertainment. Miss Glascock is teaching one of the most successful schools ever taught at this place.

J. A. Bileash, who is now in Green Bay, Wisconsin, will eat Christmas dinner at home.

Mr. Howood, of Illinois, is visiting Prof. and Mrs. O. W. Colgate.

Grand Ball

—AT—

Indian Creek

Tuesday, Dec. 27th

For the Benefit of

St. Stephens Church

There will be good music and an elegant supper served

COME

You will have a splendid time and never regret it.

J. B. Keithley made a business trip to Hannibal yesterday.

Maj. R. B. Bristow spent the greater portion of last week in South Missouri attending to legal business.

Wm. Phillips, of Shelbyville, was attending to business in the city Monday. While here he was the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. M. Proctor.

This is simply to call your attention to the place where you can find what you may want for a

Christmas Present

—As Usual it is at the—

"Old Reliable Drug House"

—OF—

B. O. WOOD

I need my money. Call and settle.

A. BOULWARE.

A nice Xmas present for your friends and relatives can be found at Miss Tude Swinkey's.

Miss Mamie Losson attended the funeral of her cousin, Miss Lizzie Lauth, at Palmyra Tuesday.

Misses Florence Tuttle and Maggie Tulley, of Stoutsville, were the guests of their friend, Miss Lena McNara, Sunnysay.

FOR SALE.

One new buggy and a good gold watch. Apply to L. Cass Saunders.

Hon. W. S. McClintic came in from Jefferson City Friday and remained until Tuesday morning with his family and attending to imperative business.

Miss Della Harwood, one of the accomplished teachers in Monroe Public school, went to Hannibal Saturday to attend the 7th wedding anniversary of A. F. Barr and wife.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 5—Col. Wm. J. Bryan, of the Third Nebraska Regiment, returned to Savannah Sunday after a 30 days sick leave. He was met at the depot by his regiment and escorted to camp.

The message shows one, and only one thing clearly and that is: The United States of America has a president without a policy, a president who is drifting without a chart on the sea of Grab and Trust.

Cards are out announcing the approaching nuptials of J. M. Johnson and Miss Mattie Proctor. The happy event will occur at 2 o'clock p. m. Dec. 21st, at the First Baptist church. It will be one of the social events of the city.

"Miss Griffin's program is sparkling with originality, unique imitations and pleasing surprises. Her impersonations in costume are quaint and realistic. Those she does best are of her own creation, which imparts to them increased charms. She has traveled extensively and has been warmly welcomed in the largest cities from New York to San Francisco, from Winnipeg to Old Mexico." Opera House Thursday night.

Mrs. W. T. Ragland entertained in honor of her sister, Miss Virginia Watson, of New London, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Ragland received in red brocaded waist and cloth skirt. Miss Watson in handsome costume of garnet velvet, tucked front of white satin. After the guests had arrived slips of paper were passed with name of a familiar song and a piece of card board on which to illustrate the song, after which drawings were exchanged until each one had guessed the song by the drawing. Six young ladies guessed them correctly and drew for the prize. Miss Irene Bodine being the fortunate of the brilliant six was awarded a box of elegant note-paper. Miss Margaret Knight had the glory (?) of winning the booby and in vain was she urged to sing that song. The folding doors of the drawing room were thrown open and dainty refreshments, such as always please the girls, were served by Mrs. Walter Williamson and Miss Virginia Bristow. Those present were: Misses Irene Bodine, Mattie Proctor, Dot Hickman, Margaret Knight, Carolyn Rogers, Nannie Boulware, Bennie Stevens, Lenna Evans, Edith Nichols, Louise Lyon, Mamie Hallock, Daisy Houston, Lillie Houston, Minnie Waller, Bessie Nelson, Libbie Emery, Celia Strong.

The same old story whenever you come in contact with Dingeyism. Dover, N. H., Dec. 5—Notices were posted in all departments of the Sewyer woolen mills Saturday announcing a ten per cent wage reduction to go into effect to-day. A home market and high tariff has utterly failed to better the condition of the wage earner, therefore, both are a snare and a fraud perpetrated upon the poor man for the purpose of influencing his vote.

The Havana Bankers outwitted Blanco's successors by notifying depositors to withdraw their funds. The depositors acted upon the suggestions and the banks temporarily suspended. The banks will resume operation when the Americans assume full control of the island.